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Memo for record

Telephone call from State Department Historical Office re OSS records

I took a telephone call this morning, at 11:50 a.m., from one Warren Reynolds, of the State Department Historical Office, asking about OSS records in CIA.

Where can he find certain World War II records on a "certain" country in the Far East, he asked. He said he could not give me the name of the country over the phone.

I said that this was not the office that would handle such inquiries. He said he had been referred to this number when he asked for the "historical office" of CIA, and so he was addressing his question here.

I said that we would not know here, ~~and~~ at this number, and suggested that he address his question, instead, to the ~~State~~ State Department's liaison office for CIA. He said he had done so, this morning, but "just didn't have the time", he said, since he needed the information "this morning". He said he was looking for short cuts, and that the State Department's liaison with CIA had told him that it would "take some time" on his question.

I told Mr. Reynolds that while I did not know whether or where there were any OSS records on whatever particular country he was looking in to, I did recall, that OSS records were divided between the State Department and the War Department at the end of World War II, and that some of the records were in the National Archives. He said he did not know that; he said that he understood only that CIA had certain records on his country that he was ~~looking~~ investigating.

He said that he was sorry that he was running into what he described as "so many dead ends" in his search. I replied that this office could not, in any case, help him, and that the State Department's liaison office with CIA was, I believed, both the most direct and the most expeditious way to get an answer to his question.

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P.S. Checking later in the State Department telephone directory, *I find that* Mr. Reynolds is listed with a Mr. G.M. R. Dougall, the latter being listed as head of the "Policy Studies" Section in Dr. G. Bernard Noble's Historical Office. (The Historical Office is in Mr. Tubby's public-affairs area, and not in the intelligence area of the State Department.) I do not know Mr. Reynolds, nor Mr. Dougall, nor did Reynolds seem to know me. (He addressed me initially as "Mr. Claus".) I do know, however, that the "policy studies" section is not the same section (elsewhere in the Historical Office) that produces the documentary volumes in the "Foreign Relations" series, in which OSS documents have figured ~~for~~ from time to time, and in which clearance questions have arisen in the past.

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